THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Numbers of cases for appointment on compassionate grounds considered and rejected in Western Command during March, 1997 are as follows:—

Service	No. of cases considered	No. of cases rejected
(i) Western Command Army (Including Inter Services Organisations)	21	17
(ii) Western Naval Command	5	Nil
(iii) Western Air Command	11	Nil

(b) The various Service HQrs/Inter Services Organisation under the control of this Ministry and their subordinate offices consider these cases at their level at periodical intervals. No centralised tally of these in kept in the Ministry. However, these agencies have not reconsidered rejected cases and have not offered them appointment during March, 1997.

(c) and (d) Action, as per the guidelines issued by DOP&T from time to time, is taken in such cases and appointments are made upto a maximum of 5% of vacancies falling under direct recruitment quota in any Group 'C' or 'D' post. While considering the applications for compassionate appointments, the benefits received by the family unedr CGEIS, Gratuity, encashment of leave, Family Pension etc. are considered. While working the priority list, due regard is also given to the number of dependents the assets and liabilities left by the deceased Government servant and the present income of the earning members.

Telephone connections on demand

*318. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non OYT General category telephone connections are available on demand in some cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such cities, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to provide Non-OYT General category telephone connections on demand in more cities during the second half of 1997 and also in 1998;

(d) if so, the names of such cities, year-wise, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (e) No, Sir. At present Non-OYT General category telephone connections are available on demand only in some exchange areas of certain cities.

During the current financial year a target of 29 lakhs new telephone connections has been set. With this the waiting list as on 31st March, 1997 is likely to be cleared in some of the cities of the country.

Telephone on demand is likely to be available by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan in the country with private sector supplementing the efforts of DOT.

Violence by extremists

*319. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extremist violence continues to be a big threat to the country;

(b) if so, the number and details of such incidents, since July, 1996 till date, indicating the number of persons killed and injured and the loss of property involved therein, particularly the railway property; and

(c) the steps taken to effectively prevent extremist violence in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Government are fully aware of the situation created by extremists in some parts of the country and are taking all appropriate steps in this regard.

(b) As per available information, the details of incidents, persons killed and injured during the period from 1-7-1996 to 30-6-1997 are as under:

S. No.	State	Incident	Killed	Injured	Loss of property (in Rs.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	834	220	36	10,59,69,000
2.	Bihar	485	287	68	96,17, 900
3.	Madhya Pradesh	117	21	5	2,96,94,000
4.	Maharashtra	43	11	3	1,38,68,000
5.	Orissa	22	—	—	25,35,000
6.	Other States	15	1	6	46,200
		1516	540	118	16,17,30,100

The major Left wing extremist groups involved in these incidents include CPML-PWG, CPML-VM (Vinod Mishra), CPML-PU (Party Unity), M.C.C., CPML-JS (Jana Shakti), CPML-SP, CPML-UK and CPML-SF. The violence caused by these groups during the period 1-7-1996 to 30.6.1997 is as under:

S. No.	Group	Incidents (Deaths)
1.	CPML-PWG	903(212)
2.	CPML-VM	116(54)
3.	CPML-PU	149(90)
4.	MCC	207(133)
5.	Others	141(55)
	TOTAL :	1516(540)

Reports available indicate that during the period question (from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997) Railway property worth Rs. 4,21,75,000/- was lost.

(c) At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-extremist operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of extremist activities among the States. Further, help is being provided to the State Governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc. In certain special circumstances, financial assistance has also been given to some of the affected States over and above the on-going allocation for modernisation of police and supply of weapons. Central Government, in consultation with the States concerned, has also drawn an Action Plan in this regard which includes:—

(i) ensuring security of police stations, particularly those located in extremist affected areas;

(ii) to have a common communication system.

(iii) set up a Control Room in each State;

(iv) Joint patrolling;

(v) Launching of Area Domination Programme among the States;

(vi) strengthening of intelligence network in the affected areas in the concerned States; and

(vii) Ministry of Home Affairs have also arranged for training of police personnel in anti-extremist operations.

Concerned State Governments have been requested to take immediate action to implement the above Action Plan. The action taken by the State Governments is being reviewed at high levels, from time to time. In addition to law & order responses as mentioned above, State Governments have been requested to examine the economic and social aspects of the problem and devise necessary corrective measures.

Modifications in SU-30 aircraft

*320. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SU-30 is not a multirole aircraft and that major modifications at high cost will have to be made to bring the aircraft to IAF specifications; and

(b) if so, whether this will not increase the cost of the aircraft significantly?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The basic SU-30 as developed by Russians is not a multirole aircraft. However, the IAF's requirements are catered for in the version offered to IAF. The initial batch of SU-30 inducted in the IAF would be later upgraded to the final multirole standards.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

WIPRO set to severe relationship with British Telecom

2326. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "WIPRO" set to severe relationship with British Telecom" as reported in the Economic Times dated 11th July, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, indicating how business will be divided between these two companies including any joint system;

(c) whether Bharti Telecom is likely to team up with TB in the New Venture; and

(d) what losses WIPRO is likely to suffer as a result of covering its relationship with British Telecom and how the losses will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Attention of the Government has been drawn on the news-item.

(b) to (d) The Government have not received any proposal & so-far in this regard. However, as & when any proposal is received, decision will be taken in accordance with the terms & conditions of the License granted to the company and policy of the Government.

Waiting list for telephone connections

2327. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa Bihar, Rajasthan; Madhya Pradesh, Assam etc; who are in the waiting list for new telephone connections, district-wise; and